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July 30, 2010

SENT VIA WEB - ELECTRONIC COMMENT FILING SYSTEM (ECFS)

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12TH Street SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: APPEAL – WAIVER REQUEST – CC DOCKET NO. 02-6 FUNDING YEAR 2010 - FORM 471 - APPLICATION # 770823 DECISION

Ladies/Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of USAC's Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2010-2011, a copy of which is attached. They have denied our request because FCC rules do not permit USAC to consider requests for waivers. As such, we are submitting our appeal directly to the FCC.

Form 471 Application #770823 (Applicant's Form Identifier HT471) was submitted for Funding Year 2010 but was postmarked outside of the window. Respectfully, we are herewith submitting an <u>appeal</u> due to extenuating circumstances.

Appellant Name: HADDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

BEN: 123330

Application Number: 770823

Funding Year: 2010 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter

Contact Information: Lisa A. Palmer, School Business Administrator

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Decision being appealed: Holding our application pending final review of those applications

that were filed within the filing window

We truly do understand how important it is to file paperwork timely. I am new to Haddon Township, and this was one of the items that fell through the cracks between the transition from the prior business administrator to myself. At the time, we were working with a consortium for the purchase of telecommunications services. I was under the misimpression that they were preparing our E-Rate paperwork as well. As such, I did not complete the paperwork timely. As soon as I realized the mistake, I reviewed all paperwork so I could accurately and completely submit Haddon Township School District's application for E-Rate funding.

New Jersey public schools are in the midst of a financial crisis. Our budget was severely cut this year, and we lost approximately \$4,000,000 – or 16% of our school funding. We are desperately trying to fund core services for our approximately 2,200 children. We submit this appeal to you on the basis of financial hardship.

All of the backup information supporting our 471 has been filed and is in order. We implore you to consider our appeal of your decision and grant approval of our application without having to wait until final review of all applications received timely.

Thank you very much for your consideration of Haddon Township's request.

Very traly yours,

Lisa A. Palmer, Ed.D.

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary



Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2010-2011

July 15, 2010

Lisa A Palmer Haddon Township School District 500 Rhoads Avenue Westmont, NJ 08108

Re: Applicant Name: HADDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

DISTRICT

Billed Entity Number: 123330 Form 471 Application Number: 770823

Funding Request Number(s): 2087481, 2087482, 2087483, 2087484, 2087485,

2087486

Your Correspondence Dated: July 03, 2010

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) received your request for a waiver of the Application Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2010 of the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules do not permit USAC to consider requests for waivers. If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your request, you may file a waiver request with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your waiver request to the FCC. If you are submitting your waiver request via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing a waiver request with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

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July 3, 2010 Letter of Appeal Schools and Libraries Division 100 South Jefferson Road Whippany, NJ 07981 SENT VIA EMAIL <u>APPEALS@SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG</u>

Ladies/Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of notification from you regarding our Form 471 Application #770823 (Applicant's Form Identifier HT471). This form was submitted for Funding Year 2010 but was postmarked outside of the window. Respectfully, we are herewith submitting an appeal.

APPEAL - Funding Year 2010 FORM 471 APPLICATION # 770823 DECISION

Appellant Name:

HADDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

BEN:

RE:

123330

Application Number:

770823

Funding Year:

2010 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter

Contact Information:

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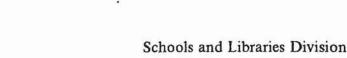
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Thank you very much for your consideration of Haddon Township's request.

Very truly yours,

Lisa A. Palmer, Ed.D.

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary





FUNDING YEAR 2010 FORM 471 POSTMARKED OUTSIDE OF WINDOW

June 7, 2010

LISA A PALMER HADDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT 500 RHOADS AVE WESTMONT, NJ 08108

Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: HT 471 Form 471 Application Number: 770823

Dear LISA A PALMER:

We're sending this letter to thank you for your recent Form 471 application. Your Form 471 application was postmarked on 05/24/2010, which is AFTER the Funding Year 2010-2011 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, February 19, 2010.

Program rules require us to hold your application pending final review of those applications that were filed within the filing window. We will post an announcement on the USAC website at www.usac.org/sl once we determine if funding applications that were submitted within the application filing window will fully utilize all the funds available for this Funding Year.

For more information about the processing of pending applications, about funding for applications filed after the close of the filing window or about plans for future Funding Years, please visit our website or call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal

- 1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
- State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the decision letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,
 - Applicant or service provider name,
 BEN,

 - Application number 770823 as assigned by USAC,
 "Funding Year 2010 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter," AND
 - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
- Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.

- 4. If you are an applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are a service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.
- 5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email to appeals@sl.universalservice.org. USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to us by fax, fax your appeal to (973)599-6542.

To submit your appeal to us on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit 100 South Jefferson Road P.O. Box 902 Whippany, NJ 07981

You have the option of filing an appeal with USAC or with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted on our website. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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